

Town of Lunenburg

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
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Douglas MacMillan, Member
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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION **September 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Posted: Yes
Place: The Ritter Building
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: J. Mendoza, G. Stillman, D. MacMillan, R. Trakimas, M. Dupuis.

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve by G. Stillman, Second by D. MacMillan. August 21, 2014 Minutes approved.

J. Mendoza reported his attendance at the last Planning Board meeting to request the reinstatement of a liaison to the Ag. Comm. which had been approved. Matthew Allison will hold this position. Due to scheduling conflicts members of the Ag. Comm. are unable to attend Planning Board meetings to speak on the Village Overlay District bylaw, therefore, J. Mendoza will draft a formal letter on behalf of the committee. We wish to express our request that agricultural opportunities, including retail and promotional activities be permitted in the Village Overlay District and be specifically listed including but not limited to a Farmer's/Community Market.

Mr. Allison presented an update on the Village Overlay District bylaw as it currently stands.

Grant monies for the Right to Farm Communities signs have not yet been given to the town.

2015 Ag. Comm. Program should be ready for presentation to the BOS in Nov./Dec. Plans for the upcoming year include RTF sign placement and additional procurement, increased participation in the Farmer's Market and its management to help create a larger, perhaps permanent public market, and publishing a link to an Ag. Comm. website from the Town of Lunenburg website. In addition, the committee will reach out to the approx. 18 farm families in town to encourage their participation and support of such activities.

At this time, M. Dupuis recused herself from the Ag. Comm. for the purpose of Bovine Complaint discussion. The original complaint was reviewed and a mediation between farmers, neighbors, and MFB was tentatively scheduled for Thursday October 16, 2014.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday October 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm at The Ritter Building and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen C. Dupuis